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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: USIB Follow-On and the FBI


1. I talked with Bill Cregar of the FBI today to see how he and his colleagues felt about FBI participation in whatever ends up as a follow-on to USIB. Bill was quick to agree that the FBI plays a relatively inactive role at the USIB table, but he pointed to a number of things which he said will insure a continued FBI interest in these affairs:

a. The Attorney General by terms of the Executive Order is going to be playing a more active role in the intelligence field and the FBI can be his window on USIB developments that could be of interest to the AG over time.

b. With the town's generally-agreed view that there needs to be a greater attention to producer-consumer relationships, the FBI would want in on those in order to meet Department of Justice and AG needs. And,

c. The FBI finds great value in Committee participation, particularly the Security Committee and the Information Handling Committee. Continuation in such bodies is in the FBI view a must.

2. I told Cregar that a USIB follow-on might well involve arrangements under which a given agenda would relate exclusively to national production, i. e., estimates and the like. He agreed in those cases it could be optional as to whether or not the FBI would attend; but when the agenda might relate to producer-consumer affairs, to Community policies, or to problems which one member or another intended to raise in executive session, the FBI would want to be in attendance as the Department of Justice representative.


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